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SUBJ: FRENCH OFFICIAL DENIES PRESS REPORTS THAT GOF

IS SENDING OUT INVITATIONS TO TRIPARTITE ENERGY

CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING CONVERSATION WITH JULES KATZ AND

BOSWORTH, PETROW TELEPHONED CABOUAT AND BROUGHT TO HIS

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ATTENTION STORY IN U.S. PRESS TO EFFECT GOF HAD BEGUN

SENDING OUT INVITATIONS FOR PREPARATORY CONFERENCE OF PRODUCER-CONSUMER ENERGY CONFERENCE. PETROW SAID HE ASSUMED FROM CONVERSATION HE HAD HAD WITH CABOUAT TWO DAYS AGO (IN WHICH CABOUAT HAD ASKED OUR VIEWS ON HOW PREPARATORY CONFERENCE SHOULD BE ORGANIZED, WHERE IT SHOULD BE HELD, WHO SHOULD SEND OUT INVITATIONS ETC) THAT STORY WAS WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

2. CABOUAT REPLIED THAT THE REPORT WAS COMPLETELY FALSE. THE GOF HAD INVITED THE COUNTRIES IN THE YAMANI LIST TO A PREPARATORY CONFERENCE FOLLOWING GISCARD'S CALL FOR A TRIPARTITE ENERGY CONFERENCE IN HIS OCTOBER 24 PRESS CONFERENCE. BUT THE MATTER HAD NOT BEEN PURSUED PENDING AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE U.S. THE GOF HAD DONE NOTHING RPT NOTHING FURTHER WITH RESPECT TO THE TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE SINCE THE MARTINIQUE MEETING, AT WHICH IT HAD ACCEPTED THE U.S. FOUR-STAGE PLANN, AND, CABOUAT ASSURED PETROW, IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY NOT RPT NOT MAKE A MOVE TOWARD ORGANIZING A PREPARATORY CONFERENCE WITHOUT THE FULL AGREEMENT OF THE U.S.

3. CABOUAT SAID THE U.S. PRESS REPORT MIGHT HAVE BEEN INSPIRED BY STORIES WHICH APPEARED IN THE FRENCH PRESS ON JANUARY 10. THE FRIDAY EVENING ISSUE (DATED JANUARY 11) OF QTE LE MONDE ENDQTE HAD CARRIED A FOOLISH STORY BY MAURICE DELARUE STATING THAT GISCARD'S DESIRE TO AVOID ANY FRICTION WITH THE U.S. WAS BECOMING MORE AND MORE EVIDENT. AN EXAMPLE CITED BY DELARUE WAS GOF DECISION TO DROP THE WORD QTE TRILATERAL ENDQTE FROM THE PHRASE TRILATERAL ENERGY CONFERENCE AS A CONCESSION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER. (A CONCLUSION WHICH DELARUE HAD DEDUCED FROM SAUVARGNES STATEMENT TO THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES ON JANUARY 9 IN WHICH WHEN SPEAKING OF APRODUCER-CONSUMER MEETING, HE HAD NOT RPT NOT USED THE WORD TRIPARTITE).

4. CABOUAT SAID THE DELARUE STORY WAS ABSURD AND THE ELYSEE HAD THOUGHT IT NECESSARY TO PUT OUT A COMMUNIQUE JANUARY 10 (THE COMMUNIQUE STATES QTE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CALLING OF WHICH IT WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PLACE AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE, THE MONTH OF MARCH BEING CONSD AS A TARGET
DATE FOR THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE. THE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS IT PARTICULARLY NECESSARY THAT
OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES, INDUSTRIALIZED CONSUMING
COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ALL PARTICIPATE IN
THIS CONFERENCE. ELYSEE OFFICIALS ALSO CONFIRMED ON
BACKGROUND THAT THE FAILURE TO USE THE WORD QTE
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TRIPARTITE ENDQTE IN NO RPT NO SENSE MEANT THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE NOT RPT NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CONFERENCE NOR SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A CONCESSION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER.) CABOUAT SAID THAT THIS DENIAL BY THE ELYSEE MIGHT HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED BY A CARELESS JOURNALIST AS INDICATING THAT THE GOF WAS GOING AHEAD WITH INVITATIONS TO A PREPARATORY CONFERENCE. HE REPEATED EMPHATICALLY THAT THIS WAS NOT RPT NOT SO AND THAT MATTERS STOOD EXACTLY WHERE THEY HAD AT THE END OF THE MARTINIQUE MEETING.

5. PETROW THEN CONVEYED TO CABOUAT THE U.S. THINKING, AS STATED BY KATZ AND BOSWORTH ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONCERTING THE FRENCH AND IEA POSITIONS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSUMER SOLIDARITY. HE SAID THAT WE WERE OPPOSED TO THE CREATION OF NEW ORGANISMS SUCH AS ULRICH'S PROPOSAL FOR AN AD HOC GROUP IN OECD OR VALERY'S PROPOSAL TO AMBASSADOR TURNER. ON THE OTHER HAND WE DID NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT CONTACTS BETWEEN THE GOF AND THE IEA HAD NECESSARILY TO BE LIMITED TO THE DAVIGNON CHANNEL. WE ENVISAGED THREE POSSIBLE CHANNELS WHICH COULD BE USED TOGETHER A) THE DAVIGNON CHANNEL; B) DIRECT BILATERAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE GOF AND THE U.S. AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE IEA (FOR WHICH PURPOSE THE U.S. WOULD BE HAPPY TO MAKE AVAILABLE WASHINGTON OFFICIALS COMING TO PARIS FOR IEA MEETINGS), AND C) CONCERTATION OF FRANCE'S POSITION WITH THAT OF HER EC PARTNERS IN BRUSSELS.

6. CABOUAT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THIS FORMULA AND SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS IT WITH ULRICH AND BE IN TOUCH WITH US IN A FEW DAYS.
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